

**3587. Misbranding of cottonseed meal. U. S. v. Roberts Cotton Oil Co. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$10 and costs.** (F. & D. No. 5640. I. S. No. 27819-e.)

On June 16, 1914, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Illinois, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the Roberts Cotton Oil Co., a corporation, Cairo, Ill., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on October 23, 1912, from the State of Illinois into the State of Indiana, of a quantity of cottonseed meal which was misbranded.

Analysis of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results: Moisture, 8.11 per cent; ether extract, 6.7 per cent; protein, 37.38 per cent.

It was alleged in the information that the product was misbranded so as to deceive and mislead the purchaser thereof by having on the sacks containing the article of food the words and figures following, to wit, "100 Pounds, National Feed Company, of St. Louis, Mo., Guarantees this Cottonseed Meal to contain not less than 7.5 per cent of crude fat 41.0 per cent of crude protein and to be compounded from the following ingredients: Cottonseed Product. \* \* \*," whereas, in truth and in fact, the said article of food did not contain 41 per cent of crude protein, and did not contain 7.5 per cent of crude fat, but, on the contrary, said article of food contained only 37.38 per cent crude protein, and contained only 6.7 per cent of crude fat. It was further alleged in the information that the article was misbranded by bearing and having on each of the sacks containing the same a false and misleading statement regarding the ingredients and substances contained within said sacks, which said statement on each of said sacks was in the words and figures and of the tenor aforesaid, whereas, in truth and in fact, the said article of food did not contain 41 per cent of crude protein and 7.5 per cent of crude fat, but, on the contrary, said article of food contained only 37.38 per cent of crude protein and 6.7 per cent of crude fat.

On November 30, 1914, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$10 and costs.

D. F. HOUSTON, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

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